

REMARKS

The present Amendment is submitted in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of September 19, 2005, and to the Office Action of August 8, 2005 entered in the above captioned application. Minor amendments to the claims are presented herewith and entry is respectfully requested.

In response to the Election of Species Requirement entered by the Examiner, Applicants elect Species I, with traverse. The claims readable upon this species are claims 16-20, 27-31, 48-52, 59-63, 80-83, 90-96, and 104-114, and newly added claims 115-116.

The Examiner's requirement is traversed only to the extent that the Examiner has considered the target mount to constitute a separate species. It will be understood that a target mount is a part of any of the laser processing systems described according to the invention, and, as such, Applicants are entitled to claim the overall laser processing system species as a whole. Accordingly, claims 95+ are considered appropriately included within the elected group, as indicated in the above.

Prompt and favorable action on the merits of all elected claims is now respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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